



BRIDGEWATER NEWS

Welcome Back

Autumn 2 2025



I hope you all had a lovely half term and are looking forward to the countdown to Christmas.

As is the case every half term, this newsletter includes some important information and details about projects and exciting events planned for this half term. Real time updates are on our Twitter page (follow us- @BridgewaterPS.) and our website also contains regularly updated information: www.bridgewaterprimaryschool.co.uk

Promoting strong attendance

One of our key focus areas at Bridgewater is to continue to promote strong school attendance.

The Department for Education have shared the following documents to support parents in understanding and improving attendance -

[Working together to improve school attendance.](#)

[Is my child too ill for school?](#)

Currently, our whole school attendance is 95.4%- a great start which we hope to improve upon as we aim for 96%!

In instances where your child is unable to attend school, for example due to illness, please ensure you have informed the school office by 9:00am **each day**. We will continue to monitor every child's attendance and ask that parents fully encourage strong school attendance.

Attendance letters will once again be sent out later this half term which will clearly highlight whether your child's attendance is great and above 96% – **green**; needs improvement as is below 96% - **amber** or a cause for concern below 90% – **red**.

Parent/Teacher consultations

We will be holding Parent/Teacher consultations this half term to discuss with parents how your child has settled into their new class and how you can support their learning at home. A letter was sent out just before half term so please ensure you made an appointment with your child's class teacher. As always, you can also book an appointment with Miss Hopkins (Learning Mentor/Family Support) or Mrs Cope (SENCO) should you wish – please indicate this on your return slip.

Behaviour Policy

As discussed at our last Parent Forum, our updated behaviour policy will be available on our website later this term. We would like to acknowledge that without your commitment to this policy, we would not be fortunate enough to have such good behaviour standards and we are grateful that you continue to promote our school rules with your children at home.

Communication with school

Can I remind parents that if you wish to discuss your children's personal or academic development at any time throughout the school year to please see your child's class teacher and they will arrange a convenient time with you.

If you wish to discuss your concern further, please contact the school office (after you have spoken with the class teacher) and an appointment can be arranged with a senior member of staff.

Our Senior Leaders are:

Mrs Henderson – Headteacher

Mrs Byard - Assistant Headteacher

Mrs Cope – Lead teacher in The Early Years (Nursery and Reception)

Miss Lovell - Lead teacher in Lower School (Years 1 ,2 and 3)

Mrs Thornley – Lead teacher in Upper School (Years 4, 5 and 6)

Mrs Hill – Director of Business and Operations

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club was initially set up in 2015 in partnership with Greggs - who continue to fund the provision. **The main focus of The Greggs Foundation is to give pupils the opportunity of accessing a healthy, nutritious breakfast free of charge to ensure they start their morning on the right track.** We are able to offer 40 places to pupils who would benefit from a free meal. We operate a booking system rather than a walk-in system to ensure staff ratios are accurate. We do understand that this is not ideal for some of our working parents, as they need to secure permanent wrap around care to fit in with their working pattern. Please visit the Childcare Choices website to find out more information about wraparound care (www.childcarechoices.gov.uk). Our breakfast club places fill up quickly, so if you weren't able to secure a place for this half term when they first went live, please keep checking ParentPay as places do open up if we receive cancellations. We will be releasing places for next half term before we finish for Christmas and will send further communication regarding this later this term.

Evolve (School Meals)

Please remember to order your child's school dinner on Evolve each week. If you do not order your child's meal, they will be given a default meal. You may of course bring a packed lunch if preferred. Please remember to cancel the meal before 9.30am if your child is absent and speak with the office staff if you are having any issues with Evolve.

Countdown to Christmas

As we start the second half term, it may not surprise you that Christmas is just over 7 weeks away! We love this time of year at school and plan to have lots of exciting events for the children including pantos, parties and performances. Please take note of the dates on the calendar attached.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs E Henderson

Headteacher

Calendar of Events Autumn Term 2 2025

November 2025				
3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
INSET Day	School Reopens PE (N & Y4)	PE (Y1, Y2 & Y3) Y6 Height & Weight Measurements	PE (Rec, Y5)	4GW Swimming Individual & Sibling Photographs Basketball Finals The Deans Primary School (Selected Y6 children)
10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th
Anti-Bullying Week				
PE (Y6) Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parents Evening Odd Socks Day	PE (N & Y4) Y1, Y2 & Y3 Parents Evening Armistice Day	PE (Y1, Y2 & Y3) Y5 Trip to Whitworth Art Gallery Greater Manchester Police Visiting EYFS pupils EYFS Parents Evening	PE (Rec, Y5) Greater Manchester Fire Service Visiting EYFS pupils Bill Hayhurt Football Match Light Oaks Primary School (Selected Y5/Y6 children)	4GW Swimming Uniform Bank Open to Parents – 9:00am
17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st
Y4 Shakespeare Globe Class Workshop (Romeo & Juliet)				
PE (Y6) Y6 Visit to Walkden Library	PE (N & Y4)	PE (Y1, Y2 & Y3) Riveting Reads Session for Reception Parents - 2:30pm	PE (Rec, Y5)	4GW Swimming
24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th
PE (Y6) Eco Reds Day Manchester Museum (Selected Y5/Y6 children)	PE (N & Y4)	PE (Y1, Y2 & Y3)	PE (Rec, Y5)	4GW Swimming Dodgeball Cluster Event Bridgewater Primary School (Selected Y5/Y6 children)
December 2025				
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
PE (Y6)	PE (N & Y4)	PE (Y1, Y2 & Y3)	PE (Rec, Y5) Y3 Christmas Experience St John's Community Centre	4GW Swimming
8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
PE (Y6) Y1 Christmas Performance 9:15am Y2 Christmas Performance 2:00pm School Choir singing to the residents at Kenyon Lodge Care Home	PE (N & Y4) Y2 Christmas Performance 9:15am Y1 Christmas Performance 2:00pm	PE (Y1, Y2 & Y3) EYFS Christmas Performance 9:15am Y4 Christmas Performance 2:00pm Y2 & Y6 Pantomime - New Adventures of Peter Pan (Bolton Albert Hall)	PE (Rec, Y5) Y4 Christmas Performance 9:15am EYFS Christmas Performance 2:00pm	4GW Swimming Y5 Christmas Performance 9:15am Y3 Christmas Performance 2:00pm
15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th
PE (Y6) Y6 Christmas Performance 9:15am Y5 Christmas Performance 2:00pm	PE (N & Y4) Y3 Christmas Performance 9:15am Y6 Christmas Performance 2:00pm Y1 Trip to The Lowry – The Enormous Crocodile Musical	PE (Y1, Y2 & Y3) Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day Christmas Markets – 3:15pm	PE (Rec, Y5) Christmas Class Party Day (Non Uniform) School closes for Christmas	School closed

School Reopens: **Tuesday 6th January 2026**